

## **Minutes of the Bloomington Township Board**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on October 13, 2016, at 2111 W. Vernal Pike.

Board members present were Kim Alexander, Vic Kelson, and Barbara McKinney. Also present were Trustee Lillian Henegar, Chief Joel Bomgardner and Deputy Trustee Lisa Myers.

### **AGENDA**

The agenda was amended to add revising the Benton Township fire protection contract. Barbara moved to accept the agenda as amended. Vic seconded, motion passed unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Barbara moved to accept the minutes of the September 8, 2016, board meeting as presented. Vic seconded, motion passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Approval of 2017 Budget:** The 2017 Budget was discussed. Vic moved to amend the 2017 budget to include a 2% pay increase for the Trustee. Barbara seconded, motion passed unanimously. Vic expressed his belief that all employees should receive the same percentage increase. Discussion ensued regarding funding of the Trustee's pay increase. Vic moved to allocate \$944 from the Community Services line. Barbara seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of 2017 Salary Resolution:** The 2017 Salary Resolution was amended to include the 2% pay increase for the Trustee. Vic moved to approve the Resolution as amended. Barbara seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**Secondary Employment:** Lisa explained that a secondary employment form has been submitted by Matt Fisher and Ryan Fipps who were recently hired as full time firefighters. Barbara moved to accept the secondary employment forms. Vic seconded, motion passed unanimously. The forms were signed by the Board President.

**Temporary Loan:** Lillian discussed the need to transfer \$200,000 from the Rainy Day Fund to the Fire Fund to ensure we have a positive cash balance until we receive our property tax settlement in December. Vic moved to approve the Transfer Resolution. Barbara seconded, motion passed unanimously. The Transfer Resolution was signed by the Board and the Trustee.

**Benton Township Contract Revision:** Lillian reported that Benton Township has conditionally approved the Fire Protection Contract. The Benton Township Board has requested the contract be amended to remove the requirement for Benton Township to respond to all calls in their area. Barbara moved to approve the contract as amended. Vic seconded, motion passed unanimously. The contract was signed by the Board and Trustee.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **REPORTS**

**Fire Territory Executive Committee:** Kim reported that the actual tax rate for the Fire Territory is projected to be around \$0.63 per \$100 of assessed value. The advertised rate was \$0.78 per \$100 of assessed value.

Joel reported on his meeting with Cook Group on October 10. Cook has offered the option of a design, build, and lease agreement instead of selling the property. All options are under consideration. A meeting is scheduled with Cook's staff architect to discuss the building requirements. Additionally, a meeting is pending with the USDA to explore the option of applying for a Rural Development grant.

**Trustee:** Lillian reported that a new caseworker has been hired. Her name is Cara Escobedo and she will begin her employment on November 1.

Lillian discussed meeting with attorney Darla Brown. Darla will be working on the issues with Dearmin Cemetery and attempting to get the County to issue a parcel number for the property. The Township Assistance appeal from 2015 is still ongoing.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 10.

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Vic Kelson, Secretary